

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph [00023] beginning on page 4 as follows:

[00023] The compressor 10 includes a drive shaft 12 extending along a longitudinal axis A, a swash plate assembly, generally indicated at 14, operatively connected to and driven by the drive shaft 12, and a retainer ring 22 for disposition about the drive shaft 12. The drive shaft 12 of compressor 10 includes first 16 and second 18 annular grooves therein and spaced longitudinally from one another and a conical ramp, generally indicated at 20[[,]]. Conical ramp 20 extends smoothly and continuously ~~extending~~ out of the first annular groove 16 toward the second annular groove 18 for facilitating movement of the retainer ring 22 out of the first annular groove 16 and along the drive shaft 12 to the second annular groove 18.